

Drivers Licence

In many industries, employers look for new employees that have a drivers licence, this includes Apprentices and Trainees in many cases.

Employers benefit from employees with a drivers licence for many reasons including reliability to get to and from work every day, to go between sites throughout the day, to pick up supplies or customers to name just a few.

In most cases, public transport does not offer the flexibility to meet the employers' needs.

Parents often advise that they will provide the transport to and from work for their children until they get their own licence, unfortunately the reality is that these arrangements are rarely consistent due to the level of additional commitment by the parents, the additional impact on the parents' time and the duration of the commitment.

Driving is a privilege, why would you risk it by breaking the law. All too many youth lose their licences and livelihood as a result of silly choices when driving vehicles. The region has also seen the loss of life through needless, negligent and spontaneous acts. Making mistakes is all a part of growing up, there are many rules and laws surrounding driving, the majority of these are there to protect us from learning through error.

The following information was obtained from www.transport.qld.gov.au.

The Queensland Government introduced a graduated licensing system to reduce fatalities on our roads — particularly among young drivers. The aim of the system is to encourage safer and more proficient drivers and riders.

There are four steps to the graduated licensing system: L = Learners, P1 & P2 = Provisional, O = Open.

Queensland's licensing system allows novice drivers to improve their driving skills and develop acceptable driving behaviour and practices, while holding a learner, or P1/P2 provisional licence, before upgrading to an open licence.

The system also recognises the need for drivers and riders to hold a particular class of licence for a set period of time before being eligible to upgrade to the next class of licence. This arrangement gives learners the opportunity to gain additional driving skills for the lower class of vehicle before driving or riding more demanding vehicles.

In Queensland the age for obtaining a learners drivers license is 16, the driver must be accompanied by an appropriately licensed driver, maintain a log book for 100 hours, including 10hr night driving, (this only applies to under 25yr) and hold this for a period of one year.

To ensure you have accurate and current information, contact Transport Queensland.